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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3512

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ENRG, SA

SUBJECT: ARAMCO ACCIDENT

REF: DHAHRAN 0619

1. ON AUGUST 16 ARAMCO EXPERIENCED ITS SECOND MAJOR ACCIDENT IN ITS ABQAIQ PRODUCTION AREA WITHIN THE PAST TWELVE DAYS WHEN A SIX INCH REFLUX LINE ON THE DEETHANIZER COLUMN FAILED AND RELEASED RAW LPG INTO THE GENERAL AREA OF THE LPG PLANT. THE GAS WAS CARRIED DOWNWIND BY A SLIGHT NORTHEASTERLY WIND CONTACTING A SOURCE OF IGNITION WHICH RESULTED IN EXPLOSIONS AND FIRE WITHIN THE PLANT. THE FIRE WAS UNDER CONTROL AT 0630 HOURS AFTER BEGINNING ABOUT 0340 HOURS AND BURNED ITSELF OUT BY 1630 HOURS.

2. THERE WERE NO DISABLING INJURIES. EIGHT PERSONS WERE TREATED FOR VAPOR INHALATION OR MINOR INJURIES AND RELEASED.

3. INVESTIGATION DISCLOSED THAT THE CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT WAS DUE TO CORROSION. IT WAS NOT DUE TO SABOTAGE. DAMAGE HAS NOT BEEN ASSESSED.

4. THE DEATH TOLL OF REF ACCIDENT HAS NOW RISEN TO
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